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Applicant : Jens Ponikau Art Unit: 1614
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INFLAMMATION OF MUCOSAL TISSUE

Attention: Box Missing Parts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed November 12, 1998 (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicant as a small entity submits herewith the following:

A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor.

Payment of the surcharge of \$65.00 for late filing of the declaration and small entity statement.

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. If there are any other charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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